Year	Importation of girls	Sati Prevention Act	ITPA	Indecent representation of Women Act	Dowry Prohibition Act	Total
1996	17	0	615	43	20	16567
1997	0	0	1401	5	24	15689

(c) and (d) 'Public Order' and 'Police being State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes is essentially the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Government has, from time to time, been writing to the State Governments, including Maharashtra, emphasising the need to take measures to check the menace of crime against women. Most of the States, including Maharashtra, have responded positively to the communications of the Central Government.

Conference of Chief Ministers of N.E. States

1589. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what decisions have been taken at the North-Eastern States Chief Ministers' Conference at Delhi on 8th May, 1998;

(b) whether there is any plan of Government to announce a North-East package programme for the development of North-East States;

(c) how far the former package programme for the North-Eastern States announced by the former Prime Minister, Shri Deva Gowda, has been implemented;

(d) whether the package programme expenditure is adjusted with the normal plan allocation with each State; and

(e) if so, the necessity of announcement of package programme?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) the decisions taken at the 'North Eastern States' Chief Minister's Conference at Delhi on 8th May, 1998 include:

(i) Restructuring of North Eastern Council (NEC) with Dy. Chairman, Planning Commission as its Chairman and inclusion of Sikkim as a full fledged member.

(ii) Adoption of 'Project Approach' for early completion of priority on-going Projects.

(iii) 10% reservation of plan outlays by specified Central Ministries for development of North East on the basis of 'Project Approach'.

(iv) Creation of Central Pool of Resources by diverting unspent balance out of 10% outlay earmarked by the specified Central Ministries for the North East.

(b) No Sir.

(c) There is general progress in almost all the items of the package programme announced by the former Prime Minister.

(d) The Projects being undertaken for the development of North East are, by and large, either Central Schemes or Centrally sponsored schemes. Specified Central Ministries have been asked to earmark 10% of their annual plan for execution of Projects in North-Eastern States. Besides, the unspent balance, if any, out of 10% outlay would be diverted to a 'Central Pool' to meet any shortfall in outlay. Thus NE states will get a sizable flow of resources for their

development from these Central Ministries apart from normal States Plan allocation.

(e) Does not arise in view of answer to part (b) above.

Compulsory Registration of NGOs

1590. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any procedure exists for compulsory registration of non-Governmental organisations that are in receipt of foreign funds;

(b) whether prior approval of Government are necessary before acceptance of such foreign funds; and

(c) the nature of scrutiny exercised to ensure that foreign espionage agencies do not infiltrate into any of these organisations?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Under the provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, foreign contribution can be received by an association having a definite cultural, economic educational, religious or social programme only after it obtains the prior permission or gets itself registered with the Central Government.

(c) Prior permission/registration is granted in each case after careful scrutiny of the applicant association. Utilisation of the foreign contribution is monitored through the mandatory annual returns giving details of receipt and utilisation of foreign contribution duly certified by a Chartered Accountant, required to be filed by such associations. These returns are further scrutinized by the Monitoring Cell of the Foreigners Division (MHA).

Demand of More Para-Military Forces for Jammu and Kashmir

1591. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jammu and Kashmir Government have, recently, asked for more para-military forces to combat terrorism; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Central para military forces are made available to the State Governments to assist them on maintaining Public Order and tackling militancy. The levels of deployment depend upon overall security scenario in the country and the availability of central para military forces. Accordingly, central para military forces are being made available to Government of Jammu and Kashmir keeping in view the availability of these forces and the prevailing security situation which is reviewed from time to time.

Killings in Udhampur Village

1592. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while militants in Jammu and Kashmir continue to strike innocent and unarmed villagers at will, the Central Security Forces from vulnerable areas were withdrawn on the eve of and after the recent militants strike in Udhampur village in April, 1998, mercilessly killing at least 27 members of families of minorities including women and children;

(b) if so, the details of such ruthless killings by mercenaries in these vulnerable areas since January, 1998; and

(c) what steps had been taken for providing adequae security to peaceful villagers of these areas against militants' strikes?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) It is a fact that the militancy related incidents in J&K, sponsored from across the border, aiming at soft targets like innocent and unarmed villagers have